After some discussion the Chief Engineer agreed to take the necessary action as regards both these points.

Reply of Government.—Government are glad that the rough scheme placed before the Assembly has met with its approval. Before effect is given to it, it may be necessary to revise the rules. The subject will be thoroughly considered and early orders issued.

SUBJECT NO. 56.

Miras to *totis* and *talaris*.

(1) Messrs. Suryanarayana Rao, Tumkur taluk, Srikantiah, Maddagiri taluk, Agali Venkataramiah and Chikbadappa, Sira taluk, Hutchiah, Tumkur municipality, Settara Veerasetti, Tumkur District Board and Chennappa, Kunigal taluk.

(2) Messrs. C. Naraharaiya, D. S. Krishna Rao and Rudrappa, Nelamangala taluk, and K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

(3) Mr. Hutchaveeregowda, Gubbi taluk.

(4) Messrs. Patre Veerappa, Kadur taluk, Nadig Rangappa, Holalkere taluk, Lingappa and N. Bheema Rao, Chitaldrug municipality.

(5) Messrs. Chik Ramanna and Byregowda, Kolar taluk, Byra Reddi and Subba Reddi, Chintamani taluk, Gori Rajanna, Chennappareddi and Brahmappa, Goribidnur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The *miras* now given to *totis* and *talaris* is very heavy considering its money value in these hard times. It amounts to half the revenue payable on dry lands. The land owners find it a great hardship to pay *miras* in addition to land revenue. The same may either be done away with or it may at least be reduced.

(2) The *miras* to minor village servants may be abolished as this entails great hardship on the raiyats.

(3) As the raiyats are not giving *miras* to *totis* and *talaris* regularly, they are put to great inconvenience. It is requested that arrangements may be made for its proper distribution.

(4) The *totis* and *talaris* cannot make their living out of the small inam land granted by Government. The *miras* is not paid to them regularly by the raiyats. It is therefore requested that they may be given a fixed salary.

(5) It is prayed that the present system of paying *miras* to the village servants may be abolished and a fixed allowance or land inam granted.

The members who took part in the discussion, *viz.*, *Messrs. D. S. Hanumantha Rao, M. K. Krishna Murti, A. Annaiya Pandit and D. S Krishna Rao* said that formerly the system of *miras* was applicable to all village officers. It has been abolished in the case of patels and shanbhogs. It was introduced about the year 1878 in the case of *totis*, *talaris*, etc., in the Nandidroog Division. As the *miras* was levied in kind according to a fixed proportion on the whole occupied area, the rise in prices had the effect of making the emoluments due to these village servants much greater than the *potgi* now paid to patels and shanbhogs, while as regards the holders of land they were practically made to pay about half or two-thirds of the assessment as an additional impost on account of these servants.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao said that in malnad the *kulvadi* was given a sheaf of corn and dead cattle.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti said that there was no reason why raiyats should pay for these village servants who do merely Government work.

Messrs. Chikka Ramanna, Byregowda, Hutchaviregowda, Gundappa and Channakesaviah suggested that

the remuneration in kind might be commuted into cash, and *Mr. Ramanujiengar* that it might be fixed at 2 per cent on the assessment of the village.

The Dewan observed that if minor servants were paid in cash, it would involve a cost to Government of Rs. 8,00,000.

Mr. Narasimhachar suggested that the cost might be levied from the villagers in proportion to the areas cropped and *Mr. D. Venkataramiah* that the pay might be contributed by the various departments whose work was done by the *totis*, the raiyats also bearing their share.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurthi said that *miras* might be abolished and merged in the assessment.

Mr. Narasimachar suggested further that, if the *toti* inam was made impartible, the *hakdar* would find it worth his while to serve, or that all the inams might be resumed and cash payment substituted.

Reply of Government.—The matter requires careful consideration as any change in the existing practice will involve Government in heavy expenditure.

SUBJECT NO. 57.

Potgi to patels and shanbhogs.

(1) Messrs. P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga municipality and Swami Rao, Sorab taluk.

(2) Messrs. Kalegowda, Yedatore taluk, Chikmallappa, Gundlupet taluk and Chiksubba Rao, Hunsur taluk.

(3) Messrs. Dhalappa, Narsimhaiya and Ramaswamiengar, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The work of patels and shanbhogs has been on the increase from day to day. Their remuneration is totally inadequate to their work. It is therefore prayed that the rate of their *potgi* may be increased so as to be commensurate with the high price of foodstuffs.

(2) Payment of *potgi* to shanbhogs is intended for the preparation of the sixteen village accounts. Of late, the shanbhogs have to supply all information connected with village matters to all departmental authorities and submit accounts to various offices. Further, living has become much costlier than before. It is, therefore, prayed that the scale of *potgi* may be raised.

(3) The *potgi* of village officials which was decided to be revised once in 10 years has been revised only once. It is prayed that the matter may be properly attended to

It was also urged that it was at one time proposed that really good and capable shanbhogs would be tried as Shekdars but that nothing had been done.

Mr. Lingegowda requested that patels and shanbhogs might be designated village officers and not servants.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 58.

Names of *hissedars* and co-sharers to be noted in the *khate*.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Channarayapatna taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On representing in 1912 that orders may be issued for opening a new column on the payment side of the *khate* to make a note of the name of the person paying the amount of *kandayam* and the survey number and extent for which such *kandayam* was